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- Between 15 and 20 October 1951, a new air force unit arrived at Schoenwalde airfield. The officer of this unit charged with auditing bills was Major Gonchar (fnu). The soldiers wore black-bordered blue epaulets and the officers blue-bordered light blue epaulets. They were quartered in the buildings which, prior to June 1951, had been occupied by the unit whose auditor was Captain Pushkov (fnu). No aircraft were observed but aircraft engines were heard. A Soviet Army unit was quartered in the billets previously occupied by the air force unit of Captain Petrov (fnu).
- According to a laborer employed at the field, the air force unit Gonchar whose officers wore blue-bordered golden epaulets was an air unit. Aircraft of the unit were parked in the hangars. The laborer also said that the planes were fitted with an in-line engine and a three-bladed propeller. Several persons at the field stated that the unit of Captain Petrov was transferred to Stendal. *
- On 18 October, [redacted] the unit of which Captain Pushkov was the auditor and Senior Lieutenant Garashchuk (fnu), his deputy was still stationed in Oranienburg. The new auditor was Major Vankov (fnu). A German employee from Schoenwalde airfield said that the unit in Oranienburg was being retrained with twin-jet aircraft. **
- Schoenwalde airfield has a marshy subsoil. Its landing field is serviceable only during dry weather because the suction pumps of the drainage system are not intact and the Soviets have not admitted German laborers to repair the drainage facilities. ***

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The arrival of a new air force unit in Schoenwalde, type unknown, is reported for the first time. Major Gonchar is also mentioned for the first time. Captain Pushkov's unit is the ground unit of an air reconnaissance regiment whose [redacted] has been observed in Oranienburg since June 1951. Unit Petrov which is the ground unit of a ground attack regiment was transferred to Stendal in early-October 1951 together with the air elements of the ground attack regiment. [redacted]

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~~Comment.~~ It is believed possible that the air reconnaissance regiment from Schoenwalde airfield is temporarily stationed at Oranienburg airfield for retraining on type-27 planes. It has not been determined whether the entire air reconnaissance regiment with its ground elements was transferred to Oranienburg or whether elements of this regiment are still located in Schoenwalde.

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~~Comment.~~ On 10 October 1951, ~~ob-~~ 25X1 served a radio truck with a Rus-2 type seven-sectional directional aerial.

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